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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 OCTOBER 1962

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1. YEMEN

A. IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK AS THOUGH THE STRUGGLE MAY
LAST FOR SOME TIME.

B. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE CON-
FIDENCE OF THE REPUBLICANS HAS BEEN SHAKEN BY THE TRIBAL OP-
POSITION HASAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO MUSTER.

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H. IT NOW TURNS OUT THAT IMAM BADR, VERY MUCH ALIVE, IS RALLYING LOYAL TRIBESMEN IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHWESTERN YEMEN. AT LAST REPORT, HOWEVER, HE AND HIS MEN WERE BEING HARD-PRESSED BY PRO-SANA FORCES.

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2. LAOS

A. THE STATUS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN LAOS IS UNCHANGED. THEY ARE STILL THERE, PERHAPS AS MANY AS 4,000-5,000 OF THEM.

B. ON WEDNESDAY AND AGAIN YESTERDAY, SOUVANNA ASSURED AMBASSADOR UNGER OF HIS INTENT TO TAKE A PERSONAL HAND IN GETTING THE VIETNAMESE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SO FAR, HOWEVER, SOUVANNA'S ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN HIS PERFORMANCE.

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D. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY PLOY IS GOING TO GET THE COMMUNISTS TO MOVE IN A HURRY. IN MOSCOW, THE LINE IS THAT SOUVANNA'S STATEMENT LAST SUNDAY JUST ABOUT

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CLOSES THE BOOK ON WITHDRAWAL. TO THE SOVIETS, SOUVANNA'S REFERENCE TO "STRAGGLERS" MEANS CHINATS, THAIS, AND FILIPINOS.

E. WE ARE SEEING MORE INDICATIONS OF DISSENSION WITHIN THE NEUTRALIST CAMP. THE LATEST WE HAVE IS A REPORT OF A DEVELOPING CLASH OF PERSONALITIES BETWEEN SOUVANNA AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, QUINIM.

F. THIS DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR LAOTIAN NEUTRALITY. QUINIM, WHO HAS BEEN LEANING EVER CLOSER TO THE PATHET LAO POINT OF VIEW, IS THE TOUGHER AND MORE DETERMINED CHARACTER.

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3. INDIA - USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA

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A. [REDACTED]

MOSCOW IS USING THE CHINA BORDER ISSUE TO PRESSURE THE INDIANS INTO SUPPORTING THE SOVIET POSITION ON BERLIN.

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4. USSR

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A. THE ANNOUNCED EXTENSION OF THE JOINT EXERCISES IN THE ARCTIC TO 10 NOVEMBER MAKES IT LOOK AS THOUGH NUCLEAR TESTING THERE WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED TERMINATION DATE OF 20 OCTOBER. TESTING COULD CONTINUE IN OTHER AREAS, HOWEVER.

B. THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

SUGGEST THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

AT TYURATAM FOR ANOTHER SPACE OPERATION.

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5. CONGO

A. THE PRESSURES THAT HAVE BEEN APPLIED ON TSHOMBE IN THE PAST FORTNIGHT HAVE WRENCHED MORE CONCILIATORY GESTURES FROM HIM. HE HAS NOW OFFERED TO TURN OVER 25 PERCENT OF KATANGA'S REVENUES TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND SHOWN SOME GIVE IN HIS POSITION CONCERNING A CEASE-FIRE.

B. UN CHIEF GARDINER STILL FEELS THAT HE CANNOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, REPORT THAT TSHOMBE IS MOVING TO IMPLEMENT THE UN'S REINTEGRATION PLAN IN GOOD FAITH. HE IS WITHHOLDING FINAL JUDGEMENT, HOWEVER, UNTIL AFTER HE TACKLES TSHOMBE TODAY ON THE MILITARY PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN.

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C. ALBERT KALONJI, "KING" OF SOUTH KASAI, SHOWED UP HALE AND HEARTY IN ELISABETHVILLE YESTERDAY WHERE, WE SUSPECT, HE WILL SEEK TO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH TSHOMBE AGAINST LEOPOLDVILLE.

6. NOTES

A. US-YUGOSLAVIA: AMBASSADOR KENNAN HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER POPOVIC THIS MORNING. HE HAS BEEN TIPPED OFF TO EXPECT TO HEAR SOME STRONG WORDS ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL DENIAL OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA.

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D. ARGENTINA: WITH NO ^{IMPROVEMENT IN} END OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC WOES IN SIGHT, INFLUENTIAL ARGENTINIANS ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SCAPEGOAT. THEY APPEAR TO BE ZEROING IN ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY ALSOGARAY, THE LEADING ADVOCATE OF RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

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